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  - a. specification;
  - b. 6 pages of drawings;
  - c. declaration and power of attorney of the inventor;
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**Small Entity Status**

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

**Claim of Priority**

Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (e) of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/474,310 filed May 30, 2003, entitled "Heart Liner to Limit Volume of Blood

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Accepted in the Heart to Allow Heart to Regenerate Itself to a Normal Size" which is hereby incorporated by reference.

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I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

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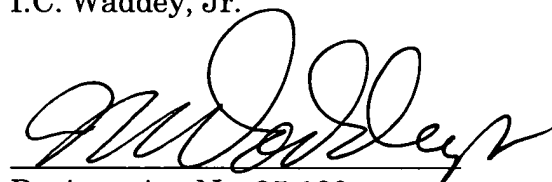
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